Principal has since been completed. The appointment of regular Principal in REC, Silchar is in progress.

(c) The Regional Engineering College, Silchar established in November, 1967 is one of the seventeen Regional Engineering Colleges started under the scheme "Establishment of Regional Engineering College'. It is a joint venture of the Central Government and the State Government of Assam. The Government of India is meeting the entire non-recurring expenditure. The recurring expenditure is shared by both the Government of India and the State Government of Assam on 50:50 basis. Its management in the matter of finance and adminstration is vested in the duly constituted Board of Governors functioning under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education of the State Government and having representatives of Central Government, State Government, University Grants Commission, All India Council for Technical Education etc. as members. Hence, taking over the management directly by the Central Government does not arise.

Non-Formal Education

3755. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-Formal Education has been introduced in very state in India;

(b) whether the scheme has yielded the desired results;

(c) what was the amount allocated for the scheme to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(d) what are the details of funds used or unused during those years, alongwith the reasons therefore; and

(e) how much amount has been allocated for the current financical year, i.e. 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Though the scheme has been found to have some shortcomings, it has proved to be an alternative to formal education for non-enrolled and dropout children.

(c) and (d) Details of grants released to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount released	Unspent balnance as reported by the State Govt.
1996-97	546.25	60.31
1997-98	3128.96	1766.52
1998-99	1604.96	724.35

(e) Under the scheme of Non-Formal Educaiton, funds are not allocated State-wise. Actual release depend on proposals received from the State/U.T. Govts.

Increasing the expenditure on education

3756. SHRI NERENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to increase the public expenditure on education to 6 per cent of G.D.P;

(b) if so, what is the time frame for achieving this objective; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to increase the tuition fee to a realistic level, instead of keeping it at Rs. 15/-, as in Delhi University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986 (as modified in 1992), had laid down that the investment on education be gradually increased to reach a level of 6 per cent of national income as early as possible.

(c) NPE also envisages raising fees at the higher levels of education to maintain the quality of education in the country. As fee is regulated by the provisions of the Ordinances of a University, Delhi University has to decide by keeping all factors inview on the increase in the tuition fee.

Modernisation of Madarsa Education

3757. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the scheme for "modernisation of Madarsa education";